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Applicants

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Jens Kossmann et al.

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For

DNA SEQUENCE CODING FOR ENZYMES CAPABLE OF

FACILITATING THE SYNTHESIS OF LINEAR α-1,4

GLUCANS IN PLANTS, FUNGI AND MICROORGANISMS

New York, New York August 18, 2003

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This responds to the June 17, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition to extend the deadline for filing the response for one (1) month, up to and including August 18, 2003, and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1).

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

The last day for responding to this Office Action within a one-month extension of time is August 17, 2003, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants may submit the response on the next business day.